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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, AG

SUBJECT: ALGERIAN LNG EXPORTS TO U.S.

1. BOYD TAYLOR, VICE PRESIDENT DISTRIGAS, CALLED DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 23 TO INFORM IT OF RECEIPT OF MESSAGE FROM SONOTRACH INDICATING THAT LATTER WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SATISFY REQUIREMENTS FOR DELIVERIES OF LNG UNDER DISTRIGAS-SONOTRACH CONTRACT "FOR PERIOD TO BE DEFINED". SONOTRACH MESSAGE STATED THAT LNG NUMBER 2 LINE AT SKIKDA WAS INOPERATIVE AND NUMBER 3 LINE NOT YET READY FOR GAS TRANSMISSION. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY DEPTOFF TAYLOR INDICATED DISTRIGAS HAD ASKED SONOTRACH WHEN DELIVERIES WOULD BE RESUMED. TAYLOR ALSO INDICATED TO DEPTOFF SOME DOUBT THAT INTERRUPTION IN GAS DELIVERIES WAS UNRELATED TO GOA SHUT-OFF OF OIL EXPORTS TO U.S.

2. FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY AT THIS TIME. DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM YOU WHETHER SONOTRACH DELIVERIES TO DISTRIGAS ARE RESUMED IN NEAR FUTURE. TAYLOR INDICATED THAT IF THEY WERE NOT REPEAT NOT RESUMED BY WEEKEND HE WOULD CONCLUDE FACTORS OTHER THAN TECHNICAL OR ECONOMIC

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